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**THE SPINSTER CITY.**

Stories emanating from Dodge City, Kan., have from time immemorial been subject to shrinkage under the light of inquiry. But the latest yarn from that old cowboy capital is worth chronicling anyhow. The world is informed that almost within hailing distance of Dodge City there is growing up a modern community reminiscent of the ancient Amazons—a city of spinsters. There is a spinster mayor, a spinster council, and a unanimously spinster citizenship. Or at least there will be, when the town is built.

The idea is said to have originated in the head of a bachelor maid named Miss Georgia Hook of Sabetha, Kan. She it was who started the Queen Victoria Club, which is an organization of, by and for spinsters, and which now has a membership of several hundred throughout the State. Just why she named that club for Queen Victoria, who was married, instead of Queen Elizabeth, the glory of royal spinsterhood, is a mystery. And that mystery is perpetuated in the name of Victoria City.

Miss Hook, seeking new worlds for her bachelor girls to conquer, hit upon the opportunity offered in Southwestern Kansas, where there are many thousand acres of unoccupied land. She coaxed her bachelor sisters into the plan, and had several dozen of them take up homestead claims and co-operate in establishing a townsite and organizing a town government. Several houses have already gone up—none of them, be it known, "family" houses.

Men will not be barred from Victoria City. The girls say they will want a few men—to work for them. But no man will be tolerated there unless he acquiesces in petticoat government. Or perhaps it would be safer to say simply "feminine government;" for it remains to be seen whether the citizenesses of a community truly emancipated from masculine influence will wear anything but trousers.

PLEASE THE MEXICANS.

President Wilson's speech to the Press club of New York was reported as being very pleasing to the newspaper readers of Mexico City. We do not doubt the truth of the report. The president has a way of making speeches which give great pleasure to the people of capitals other than our own.

During the campaign of 1912 he made speeches in advocacy of tariff destruction which excited the keenest joy in the capital of free trade England. The day after the Lusitania was sunk he made his "too-prudent-to-fight" speech, which was hailed with the utmost satisfaction in the capital of belligerent Germany. And now he has made the speech which we are told has created so distinctly a jocund feeling in the capital of defiant Mexico.

Maybe some day the president will make a speech which will be pleasing to the people of the capital of these United States. Indeed, we think he will make such a speech on the fourth of next March. It will be brief. It will contain none of those flowers of rhetoric, none of those recoiling bits of humor which are associated in our thought with Wilsonian oratory. But it will be entirely to the point. The pleasing speech which the president will make that day will consist of these two words: "Good-by."—Long Beach Telegram.

Some men arise from the slums, make a few dollars, and then look down upon the source from which they sprung. Their heads just can't hold them.

United States prestige is said to be growing abroad, according to a Washington dispatch. No mention is made, however, of our standing with our dear friends across the Rio Grande.

About every fifth day some enthusiast arises and declares a lasting European peace—in the newspapers—and the next day "hell breaks loose again."

Statistics estimate that the cost of the second year of the European war will be \$33,000,000,000,000. Lord, how we'd like to have that wad.

"Listening in" on a telephone conversation is no doubt cute, but often the listener's ears tingle in the excitement.

They say that more married men than bachelors are fighting in England. Out of the frying pan into the fire?

The hungry fellow always gets the little end of an argument at a banquet. Try it yourself.

Rushing through life is all right, but thinking twice before you start will save you a world of jolts.

"One word always leads to another," whether it is in the Bible or a family jar.

BIG FLOTATION PLANT IS NOW IN ACTION

STODDARD MILLING CO. IS MAKING SUCCESSFUL TEST RUNS BY THE NEW PROCESS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Arrivals yesterday from the new plant of the Stoddard Milling Company on the Agua Fria river, report the ore reduction works in action daily, in making runs to try out the machinery and test values of the product from the Binghamton mines by the flotation method. This movement is to be continued for a week, when it is expected that permanent operations will be inaugurated.

T. H. Tullock, is in charge as mill superintendent, and during the two days' tryout not a minute of delay occurred. This plant was originally designed to treat 100 tons of ore per day, but its capacity has been enlarged to 200 tons. It is a joint reduction movement in which the Stoddard Mines Company and the Copper Queen Gold Company have financed the undertaking. The Binghamton mines are now active and production of a heavy tonnage has commenced. The Copper Queen holdings also will begin production in a short time, several of the principal shareholders visiting the property last week to outline future work. A large dump has accumulated from many years of operations, and which in value, it is stated will give handsome returns by flotation.

This is the biggest individual mine treating plant to be installed in this county by the flotation method, and before definite action was taken the ores of both properties were subjected to a thorough test. It is stated that concentrates will be leaving the works inside of six days. The combined propositions have a payroll of over 100 men, to be largely increased when the Copper Queen wheels into an active state.

Prescott Youths On Road To Wealth

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Imbued with the fascination which seizes those of adult years to plunge headlong into the mining game and secure the expectant riches by delving into the ground, a quintette of Prescott youths, none of them over eight years of age, are quietly carrying on a mine prospecting movement that is attracting very much comment for the ardor shown and the deep interest they are manifesting to hit it rich.

The point of exploration is a vacant lot on South Marina street. The boys are George C. Ruffner, Jr., Robt. Kuhne, Crosby Paine, Gwynn Hebb and Ray Langdale. Young Kuhne is mine foreman, and his crew works under strict orders in hours of a shift. They have run a tunnel to date of 15 feet in length, and the objective point is 40 feet, when a winze will be driven to intersect a supposed shoot. Young Ruffner said yesterday: "We call our undertaking the 'Skinem Mining Co.,' but there is no stocking of shares. Pannings show free gold, and we are out hunting for the mother lode, just the same as the big fellows maintain is lying somewhere around in the formation. Washings to date reach an aggregate value of 65 cents in the yellow stuff and when it climbs to a dollar we hold our first annual meeting and declare a dividend."

Municipal Election Called In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, August 7.—A call for a special municipal election throughout the State of Queretaro was issued today by the governor.

The date of the election is fixed for the first Sunday in September. The registration of voters will extend to August 12 and the list will be made public August 14.

Each party can designate its candidate at any time up to August 20. The call provides for an election commission to supervise the balloting and the drawing of judges for the election. The candidates elected will take office October 1 and hold the official positions throughout the year 1917. Election contests will be adjudicated by the governor and two others appointed by him.

"DIRECT ROUTE" ROAD TO BE BUILT

SUPERVISORS TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION YESTERDAY ON 30-MILE HIGHWAY TO JEROME.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Official action was taken yesterday by the board of supervisors in ordering County Engineer W. H. Merritt to make a survey and estimate of the cost of a "direct route" road to Jerome. This action came as a result of the appearance of more than 20 residents of Jerome and Clarkdale before the board to urge the matter of the road's construction.

W. C. Miller, of the T. F. Miller Company; T. C. Roberts, chief of the United Verde engineering force, and Dr. L. A. Hawkins, of Jerome, addressed the board in favor of the immediate construction of the 30-mile road from Jerome to Prescott.

In the board's instructions to the county engineer, he was given until September 1st to start work on a preliminary survey. It is expected that the supervisors will appropriate enough money at their next meeting to cover the preliminary costs of the new road. The total cost of the road is roughly estimated at \$70,000.

In urging the "direct route" road, the Verde valley delegation argued that it would be a great benefit to Prescott to have the mining center of the county but 30 miles, (or two hours), away from the county seat. That it would also bring closer social and business relations between the two communities, was another argument advanced.

According to the present plan, the road to Jerome would follow the Jerome Junction road to Lonesome valley. Through the long flat stretch of the valley, the road would enter the foothills. By an easy grade it could go over the mountains to the new Pittsburgh-Jerome camp road south of the mining town.

From the action of the board yesterday, the Jerome delegation feels satisfied that the shorter road will be built as soon as the county can spare the funds.

During the past year, Yavapai county has been shortening several roads. The new Black canyon road to Phoenix, which was opened recently, cuts the distance to the State capital nearly in half. At present the county is improving the old Crown King road.

Story Of Northern Arizona Range Life

(From Tuesday's Daily.) "When a Man's a Man," by Harold Bell Wright, is the seventh "best seller" from his versatile pen. With the appearance of Mr. Wright's first book, "That Printer of Udell's," the novelist was heralded as "coming." When his delightfully sweet story, "The Shepherd of the Hills," followed a few years later it was said that he had "arrived." But it was something new in the publishing world for an author to write, consecutively, three successful books, and "The Calling of Dan Matthews," "true to the four corners of the earth," came as a genuine surprise.

"When a Man's a Man" is a story of the real heart of the life of the unfenced land of ranch and range in Northern Arizona. The spirit and motive of the story is best expressed, perhaps, in the familiar lines of that plowboy poet so dear to the great heart of the world, "A man's a man for a' that."

While the pages are crowded with the thrilling incidents that belong to the adventurous life depicted, one feels, always, beneath the surface of the stirring scenes the great primitive and enduring life forces that the men and women of this story portray, and we are made to feel and understand that there come to everyone those times when in spite of all, above all and at any cost, a man must be a man.

The illustrations and decorations—about 50 in all—are made by the author from sketches drawn on the scenes of the story. Publication, August 10th.

SUSPEND FIGHTERS

CHICAGO, August 7.—Chester Thomas, the Boston American's catcher, and Jimmy Austin, third baseman of the St. Louis Americans, were indefinitely suspended today by President Johnson for their participation in a fist fight at St. Louis yesterday.

RUNKE TO GET SEPARATE TRIAL

WESTERN NAVAJO RESERVATION SUPERINTENDENT'S CASE WILL BE HEARD ALONE.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) An order of severance was made in the case of the United States vs. Wilson, Nash, Robertson and Runke, charged with the killing of Taddy Tin a Navajo Indian, thereby allowing Runke to be tried separately in the Federal court when the cases come to trial, September 18th.

The charge against Walter Runke, who is the superintendent of the Western Navajo Indian reservation, alleges that he was responsible for the death of Tin. Since his indictment by the Federal grand jury, considerable comment by the press and civic organizations has been made relative to the case. It seems that although Runke has been charged with the murder of one of the Indians on his reservation, he has still been left as superintendent.

According to the findings of the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, which body made a thorough investigation of the affair, Tin was a notorious character.

The court adjourned until today when a decision will be handed down in the case of the United States vs. E. B. Franklin. It is expected that the court will then adjourn until the September term.

Prospects Bright For Racing Program

PHOENIX, August 7.—Speaking of the racing outlook for this year's State Fair, Secretary T. D. Shaughnessy stated that never before in the history of the Arizona State Fair, had the prospects been so bright as they are this year.

Mr. Shaughnessy is particularly enthusiastic over the way the Arizona horsemen are responding. He stated that already entries had been received from a number of local horsemen and that others have declared their intention of entering soon. Some of the horses already entered are: Irene Strathmore, Miss Anworthy Dillon, Maydella; and the colts—Mona Hall, Pincknot and Bellzobola, owned by T. E. Pollock, of Flagstaff; Lillian Van, Mabel Van and Gay Tommy, owned by J. R. Lambert, of Phoenix; and Zombrino and Kildare, owned by Dr. J. G. Belt, of Phoenix. Mr. Lambert's string is racing at the present time through the Middle West and according to the reports of horse journals, rounding into excellent shape. Dr. Belt's pacer, Zombrino and his trotter, Kildare, have been winning numerous races the past six weeks throughout Southwestern Canada.

In connection with the Arizona horse program, attention is called to the fact that this year entries for the cold races will close September 1, a month earlier than the other events. The reason for this is, that in the event the colt races fail to fill, other races will be substituted and advertised immediately.

Four races are offered this year for Arizona colts, as follows: Two-year-old trot, two-year-old pace, three-year-old trot, three-year-old pace, with a purse of \$500 for each.

It has been the policy of the Fair commission in the past to encourage the horsemen of the State, and six races are set apart this year for Arizona horses only.

With the liberal purses offered, there should be no dearth of horses, instead these races should be filled to overflowing. If there is not a good field of two-year-olds, this year, it is quite probable that the colt races in the future will be confined to three-year-old trot and three-year-old pace.

RANGER RECOVERS FROM FIRE INJURIES

(From Thursday's Daily.) M. L. Nichols, a ranger working out of the forest supervisor's office here has partially recovered from the injuries he received while fighting fire on Horse Flat mountain near Crown King about six weeks ago. He has been dismissed from Mercy hospital and is recuperating while doing desk work in the supervisor's office here.

MARRIED IN PRESCOTT

(From Sunday's Daily.) Louis Swycaffer and Jessie Stuart, both of San Diego, were married in Prescott yesterday after securing a license from the clerk of the Superior court.

BOZARTH FACED A DANGEROUS SITUATION

LIGHTNING HITS CLOSE, RENDERING RIDER AND HORSE UNCONSCIOUS; TIMELY RESCUE.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Knocked from his horse and rendered unconscious for over half an hour was the misfortune to overtake Asa Bozarth at his mining camp on Cypress mountain in Eureka district, last week, when lightning struck within a few feet of him.

At the time he was riding his horse, and when the crash came rider and animal were thrown to the ground violently, the animal rolling over on Bozarth. His death would have followed from being crushed had not a miner appeared a few minutes later, who also was riding on horseback. The latter, whose name was not learned, stated that he also felt the shock, and seeing Bozarth and his horse go down he hastened to the spot to render assistance. Bozarth and his animal were found unconscious, and the latter was pulled off the body of its owner when resuscitation followed and after extreme physical exertions, he responded about 20 minutes later and appeared in a dazed state. The horse rallied, however, in a few minutes and was so badly affected that its neighing was pitiable as it stood by shivering.

Bozarth would have been crushed to death while in an unconscious condition is the belief of those who are conversant with his situation, and his narrow escape under the circumstances is considered as remarkable. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bozarth, of this city, and is working tungsten mines in the above district.

Made Good Time Via Black Canyon

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Charles G. Riebeling, of the Yavapai garage, arrived from Phoenix Sunday, negotiating the distance over the Black canyon road in five and one-half hours, in a Maxwell auto. He gives an excellent report of the grade, and mentioned particularly that the Black canyon hill is now reduced in its percentage as to make it very desirable for traveling. With repairs made at other points, he said, any auto can easily make the trip from Phoenix to Prescott in five hours.

At the Maricopa end he found two large road-building camps closing up work, and on the road were a dozen autos coming to Prescott. The opening of the old highway is occasioning very much favorable comment in Phoenix, and many auto parties are preparing to come north. The opening of the old highway is occasioning satisfaction all along the route among those who are engaged in various lines of business.

Cloudburst May Reveal A Bonanza

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Tom Morgan brought to the city Sunday two beautiful gold quartz nuggets which he picked up in a ravine to the south of the head of Granite creek, where he had been prospecting. The glittering gold has a valuation of about \$12.

He stated the find was evidently from an outcrop and its release was due to a cloudburst that passed over that region last week. He proposes to hunt for the vein, from which the gold came, the two nuggets showing the characteristic quartz content of a pure white silica. Morgan has established a camp about two miles south of the head of the creek, and has made three locations on a dyke which carries silver, copper and gold. His associate is D. E. Loughton. Both came from the Oatman country a few weeks ago.

NEW OPERATORS

(From Sunday's Daily.) Thomas Allison and son have arrived from Redding, Cal., and will take charge of their Atlas group of mines near Walnut Grove during the week, establish a camp and begin operating. They were in that field early last Spring, when they conducted limited prospecting. A small plant will be placed on the property for making occasional test runs. Mrs. Allison and children arrive later to make Prescott their home, on account of the excellent public school facilities.

COPPER COMPANY DECIDES TO RESUME

LUCKY FIVE RE-ESTABLISHES CAMP AND STARTS OPERATING ON BASIS OF PERMANENCY.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The Lucky Five Mining Company, which has a group of 16 claims in Copper Basin district, situated about three miles to the south of the Commercial, is to resume at once, and on a basis of permanency, was the statement made yesterday by A. M. Horton, the president, who has returned from California after an absence of over a year.

This movement is closely controlled, with Frank Fay, as vice-president, and R. L. Jones, as secretary, and a limited number of stockholders, who reside in Prescott. Before final action was taken toward resuming a 1,000-pound sample lot of ore was taken from the old shaft and shipped to Hayden for analysis, with returns given that showed a valuation of over \$57 to the ton in copper, gold and silver.

Mr. Horton is one of the original locators of the group, and previously carried out a line of general prospecting, as well as developing at certain points which he considered as offering the best inducements to prove a desirable property. Accordingly development in the future is to be centered to where the old shaft was sunk, and from which the samples were taken. He has closed his placer mining business in California to return to the Lucky Five to assume direct charge of development, and expresses himself as sanguine over the outlook of his holdings, as well as that field generally.

Seeking Material For Mining Story

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Dane Coolidge, the well known author of Western fiction, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. F. R. Dyer, John Jones, prominent Tempe stockman, who served as the chief character in Coolidge's "Hidden Waters," and Charles Rack, forest supervisor of McDowell, motored to Jerome yesterday where the day was spent in looking over the United Verde, Little Daisy and other mining properties. Mr. Coolidge is gathering material and local color for a new novel which will deal with the lives of the hardy Westerners identified with the mining industry.

Finds Father Dead Himself Disinherited

(From Tuesday's Daily.) When Birkett A. Kelley, of Jerome, Arizona, arrived at Long Beach a few days ago to surprise his father with a visit, he was informed the latter is dead and buried. No word had ever been received by the young mining man of this or of the illness which necessitated an operation on Harry A. Kelly and caused his death June 28th.

Investigation of conditions surrounding the case developed the fact that both he and his sister had been disinherited by the father and property worth \$3,700 had been willed to W. B. Julian of the First National Bank of Long Beach.

Yesterday Mr. Kelly filed through Attorney Ray Nimmo a suit for recovery of this money for himself and Mrs. Mabel Louise Wilson, his sister. The allegations set forth are that the will was signed by the decedent on the day of the operation, in the presence of Mr. Julian and his friend, J. E. Sexton of Santa Barbara, who was named executor of the estate. No one else was present.

It is alleged the will itself was drawn by Mr. Julian and executed after the operation. Undue influence on the father, said to have been of unsound mind at the time it was drawn, is urged as one of the reasons for a return of the money to his only relatives. A jury trial will be requested.—L. A. Times.

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